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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
 FOR PATENT APPLICATION/CONTINUATION-IN-PART PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated beneath my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

"Improved Expandable Graft"

the specification of which

X is attached hereto.

\_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability and/or examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a).

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's certificate or provisional application listed below, and I have also identified below any foreign application for patent, inventor's certificate or provisional application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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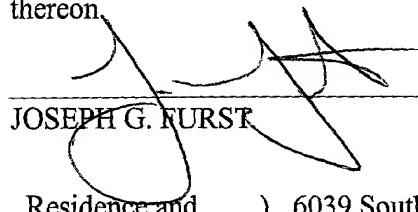
I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below, and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application/continuation-in-part application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby appoint the firm of Vickers, Daniels & Young, Robert V. Vickers (Reg. No. 19,504), E. Kent Daniels, Jr. (Reg. No. 19,598), Thomas E. Young (Reg. No. 28,924), and Brian E. Turung (Reg. No. 35,394), 50 Public Square, Suite 2000, Cleveland, Ohio 44113-2235, to act jointly or severally as my attorneys, each with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute said application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office and/or all the competent international authorities in connection with an international application connected therewith.

And I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

  
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.27**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled:

"Improved Expandable Graft"

described in:

The specification filed herewith.

Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_

Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_ issued \_\_\_\_\_

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in my invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(e).

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 C.F.R. 1.28(b).)

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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